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COMMENT:

3. THE ARREST IN EARLY JULY OF JORGE MONTES, FORMER PCCH SENATOR AND AN IMPORTANT MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE, HAS BEEN A SERIOUS BLOW TO THE PCCH.

COMMENT:

MONTES IS A MEMBER OF THE ORGANIZATION COMMISSION AND THE COMMISSION FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.) MONTES WAS AMONG 18 PCCH LEADERS ARRESTED. THE MAJORITY OF WHOM WERE MEDIUM LEVEL LEADERS. COMMENT: SANTIAGO EMBASSY TELEGRAM 4227 OF 17 JULY REPORTED THAT MONTES AND JORGE INSUNZA, ANOTHER CENTRAL COMMITTEE LEADER, WERE ARRESTED; HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO INSUNZA WAS NOT CAPTURED.

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MONTES IS BEING HELD AT THE AIR FORCE ACADEMY.)

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